

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, CT
MINUTES MAY 9, 2016**

In attendance: John Hall, Cindi Perugini, Ron Krom, Howard Reid, Monica Belyea, Laura Baum, Beth Emery, Pam Frost, Deb Stanley

Corrections to April 2016 minutes: Karen **Meszaros** correct last name spelling
Add City of Middletown, CT to the heading of the minutes

Action Plan/Calendar of events:

11. Add the traffic crossing poles at Washington and West Street have been installed. DOT is having difficulty acquiring the equipment needed to complete the project.

West Street Bridge: DOT will be putting pedestrian and bicycle crossing on both sides of the bridge.

Family Bike Ride/Kids Health and Safety Day: May 14, 2016:

Ron reported everything is in order and ready to roll.

A discussion regarding the necessity of waivers even though it is a city sanctioned event. Monica is looking into this.

Public Works Commission Meeting Presentation: April 13, 2016:

The committee reviewed and discussed the priority list for the meeting.

John will prepare the revised list and forward to the PW&F Committee prior to Wednesday evening. The following members are able to attend the meeting: John, Karen, Pam, Beth, Cindi and Monica.

Saybrook Road evaluation update:

Cardinal Engineering met with Chris Holden and Tom Nigosanti to discuss expense of project. Sidewalks on the west side between Tryon Street and Stop and Shop then east side to East Main Street. More expensive than originally expected. We need to advocate for this project to be completed correctly. Chris and Tom agree the project needs additional review.

Report on Riverfront Encounter Festival: May 7, 2016 12pm - 5pm

Traffic flow was good even though the weather was rainy and cold. Good location with Forests and Parks nearby.

Next year consider a project for the kids to be involved: Bike safety quiz, bike wheel, trivia questions, prizes awarded.

Bike/Walk to School Day:

National Day Bike/Walk to School Day: May 4, 2016

Monica has been in touch with the School Superintendent who reached out to the School Principals. There is a lot of interest in this program. As of this meeting no date has been set for the Middletown bike/walk to school day.

Safe Routes to School site assessments: Superintendent requested each principal apply for funding to have studies conducted. The study was conducted in April and no results are available to date.

Bike/Walk Summit: June 2 and 3 at Central Connecticut State University:

Laura informed the committee on June 2 there will be training in walk audits. There is limited space and you must apply, if anyone is interested let her know. Karen expressed her interest.

National Bike to Work Day: Friday May 20, 2016:

You can register on the bike walk website.

Ridge Road update:

Tom Quirk attended a previous meeting and expressed his safety concerns for the Ridge Road construction. Possibly the lanes can be reduced to 11 feet in order to slow traffic.

Public Works and Facilities Commission Meeting update on April 13, 2016:

John presented the priority list prepared by the CS Committee. The PW & F Commission expressed interest in the Complete Streets concerns but did not act on any of the issues. It was suggested we address the Public Safety Committee at the next meeting on May 16, 2016.

Road Bond funds might be available to address CS requests. However, only if all the repairs have been made on each road identified in the Road Bond.

John will review the finances and road bond requests and prepare a report suggesting where CS should go from here.

How can CS identify the benefits for the City of Middletown so the projects can be funded? Community involvement, health benefits, economic development?

Monica volunteered to attend the Board of Health meetings to keep them apprised of our existence and let them know the benefits associated with Public Health and Safety.

Next meeting June 13, 2016